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Petitions arrive from a variety of individuals, organizations, and interest groups, including state and local governments ... Native American tribes ... even foreign governments.

They usually asked the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service to list a species under Subsection 4(b)(3) of the Act, which sets the requirements for processing petitions.

But we can also be petitioned to remove or reclassify a species, or to revise critical habitat. We'll talk about critical habitat petitions in the critical habitat section of this module.

Sometimes we receive petitions for actions that are not eligible for petitioning under the Act. One of these is a request to emergency list a species. Whether or not a petition requests emergency listing, our standard practice is to determine during the review of a petition whether emergency listing is warranted. But petitions don't initiate that emergency process.

The other non-petitionable action that we commonly see is one requesting designation of critical habitat. Critical habitat determinations are made during a listing process, not as a result of a petition.